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Armond Labbe, Superintendent
ASARCO Incorporated
North 51st and Baltimore Streets
Tacoma, WA 98407

Dear Mr. Labbe:

History File

Pierce County and the City of Tacoma are jointly undertaking a survey of all properties of potential historic, architectural or cultural significance located within the city and county. The project has been funded by both the county and city Community Development departments and the Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

It is the goal of this Cultural Resource Survey to identify all those properties which could in the future benefit from federal, state, and local historic preservation programs. The information can also be beneficial for those engaged in planning efforts throughout the county.

We are currently surveying the Town of Ruston and would also like to undertake a survey of the ASARCO Smelter at this time. As you know, the smelter is one of the oldest industries in the city and we would like to document its history and its role in the history of smelting technology in the United States. What we are specifically hoping to locate are any existing buildings which were constructed during the earliest years of the smelter's operation and which are of potential historic significance. This activity will in no way affect the future operations of the facility.

Richard Turner

Would it be possible to have a member of our survey team meet with you and possibly arrange a tour of the smelter? This would enable us to complete our survey of this area of the city and county. If you have any questions about this project you can contact Caroline Gallacci (593-4960) from this department.

We thank you for any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Keith Palmquist
KEITH A. PALMQUIST, DIRECTOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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